



## 2007-08 SARC Template and Data Definitions

**T**he proposed School Accountability Report Card (SARC) template for 2007-08, published during the 2008-09 school year, and associated data definitions will be taken to the State Board of Education (SBE) for review and approval at their July 9-10, 2008 meeting. The proposed changes to the SARC template and the data definitions were posted by the end of June 2008 on the SBE Agenda Web page located at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/>.

The proposed 2007-08 SARC template deletes 11 SARC requirements; modifies 2 SARC requirements related to professional development and career technical education programs; adds 4 information items related to the admission requirements and online location of that information for California's public universities; describes access to the SARC at public locations; provides the online address and description for the online tool DataQuest; recommends that the SBE authorize the administrative deletion of information from the SARC template related to norm-referenced test results and continuation school instructional days information; and adds California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) test results by proficiency level related to federal Adequate Yearly Progress requirements.

The 2007-08 SARC Template in Word (without data) will be posted 30 days after the SBE approves it. You may access it in early August 2008 on the SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.

### **Deletion, Modification, and Addition of SARC Requirements**

Resulting from the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 1061 (Mullin, 2007), the following changes to the 2007-08 SARC template include the deletion of 11 reporting requirements:

1. Participation in Class Size Reduction Program
2. School Discipline Practices
3. Substitute Teacher Availability
4. Teacher Evaluation Process
5. Local Assessment Results
6. State Award and Intervention Programs
7. College Admission Test Preparation Program
8. SAT Reasoning Test
9. School Instruction and Leadership
10. Instructional Minutes
11. Minimum Days in School Year

The bill also modified the Professional Development requirement to provide more explicit information related to

schools providing the number of training days over the last three years and the Career Technical Education Programs requirement to remove information concerning the degree to which pupils are prepared to enter the workforce.

The bill adds the following requirements to the SARC template:

1. A description of, and the Internet address for the online tool DataQuest
2. A statement in the SARC template describing Internet access that is available at public libraries and other locations that are public
3. The addition of visual and performing arts to the content areas that are subject to the sufficiency of instructional materials requirement
4. A description of admission requirements for the University of California and the Internet address for such information; and
5. A description of admission requirements for the California State University and the Internet address for such information

### **Recommendations from a Report to the Legislature**

The legislative report *Improving the Usability and Readability of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC): A Report to the Legislature*, mandated by AB 1061, contained recommendations on improving the usability and

readability of the SARC template. The recommendations were developed by convening two meetings of a SARC Advisory Work Group, comprised of educational stakeholders from a variety of perspectives, to discuss the remaining reporting requirements in the SARC and develop further recommendations. Among other recommendations contained in the report to the Legislature and the Governor, the SARC Advisory Work Group recommended the administrative deletion, through action by the SBE, of assessment results from the norm-referenced test (currently the California Achievement Test, Sixth Edition Survey [CAT/6 Survey]) and information on continuation school instructional days.

### **Findings from the Federal Title I Monitoring Visit (Summer 2007)**

A Title I finding from the 2007 U.S. Department of Education (ED) monitoring visit, concerning the incorporation of the CAHSEE test results by proficiency level in the SARC, resulted in the creation of two tables displaying this information. The tables are located in the SARC Template at section IX. *Student Performance* under the topic titled *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) High School Exit Examination Results*. The tables are titled *NCLB High School Exit Examination Results for All Students – Three-year Comparison* and *NCLB High School Exit Examination Results by Student Group – Most Recent Year*.

Aside from these changes and minor editing, the proposed template will not

differ significantly from the current version in the following areas:

1. Organizational structure
2. Format and presentation of data
3. Narrative descriptions of data elements

### **Pre-Release of the SARC Template with Data and Data Files**

The California Department of Education (CDE) plans to release the template with data and associated data files by the middle of September 2008 for local educational agencies (LEAs) to review their data and report any data issues. LEAs will have two weeks to review the SARC template with data and data files and report any data issues to the CDE. This review, during mid-to late-September, is intended to provide LEAs with an opportunity to verify the data and, if necessary, notify the CDE about any need for corrections.

LEAs will be able to access the 2007-08 revised SARC template and data files by accessing the SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>. You will be able to access this information by selecting the link titled *2007-08 SARC* (available September 15, 2008) under the section titled *SARC Coordinator Information*.

The SARC template with data and data files will be updated by mid October 2008. At that time the CDE will officially release the template with data and data files for use by LEAs in creating the 2007-08 SARCs. From that point, the template, along with the data files, will be considered the final versions for the 2008-09 school year.

Detailed information on the SARC review and correction process will be issued after the July 2008 SBE meeting.

### **New SARC Publication Deadline for the 2008-09 School Year**

February 1, 2009  
was established by AB 1061 as the SARC publication deadline beginning with the 2008-09 school year.

### **Contact the SARC Team**

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